

Remarks:

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-14 are allowed. Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. Claim 15 has been amended. Existing Claims 1 to 18 remain in the application. The Title of the application has been amended to be more descriptive of the claimed invention, at the request of the Examiner. The Specification has been amended to address inconsistencies with the drawings, as well as typographical errors. No new matter has been added. Figure 1 has been amended to correct a spelling error. A Request for Drawing Correction is submitted herein.

ARGUMENT

The Examiner objects to Figure 2B as failing to show the “illustrated *interactions* of various components.” The description of Figure 2B has been amended to more accurately reflect what is shown in the Figure, i.e., *relationships* of the various components, as well as, the existing description of the Figure. The components shown in Figure 2B are adequately described in the Specification as originally filed. The drawing shows adjacency of items that are closely related and the Specification, as originally filed, describes the relationships between and among the items. No new matter has been added.

The Specification has further been amended to omit the “http//” from the already modified URLs to avoid automatic generation of hyperlinks, as requested by the Examiner.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *Legacy Technology Transitions*. This rejection is respectfully traversed and Claim 15 is believed allowable as amended based on the following discussion.

Legacy Technology Transitions fails to teach or suggest a legacy-free boot path provided from system power up to operating system loading that is independent of legacy firmware, and where legacy-free firmware includes an optional termination of legacy-free drivers and initiation of a legacy boot using the legacy firmware. Thus Claim 15 is allowable.

Claims 16-18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being unpatentable over *Legacy Technology Transitions* in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,999,989 to Patel (hereinafter "Patel"). This rejection is respectfully traversed and Claims 16-18 are believed allowable as amended based on the following discussion.

Neither *Legacy Technology Transitions* nor Patel teach or suggest a legacy-free boot path provided from system power up to operating system loading that is independent of legacy firmware, and where legacy-free firmware includes an optional termination of legacy-free drivers and initiation of a legacy boot using the legacy firmware. Thus Claims 16-18 are believed allowable.

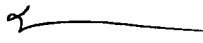
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 15-18 should be allowed with Claims 1 to 14. Thus, all of the Claims remaining in the application are in condition for immediate allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact Joni D. Stutman-Horn, attorney for Applicant, at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any shortage of fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such account.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings:

A spelling error has been corrected in Figure 1. "Periferal" is changed to "Peripheral" in two (2) locations.